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There follows translation of Parliamentary Decree transferring powers:

"In the name of the Belgian people the Houses of Parliament together in execution of the law of August 10, 1950 carrying into effect the transfer of the constitutional powers of the King to the Heir Presumptive to the Crown.

"Decrees:

"Only article - the exercise of the constitutional powers of the King is conferred, in conformity with the law of August 10, 1950, on the Heir Presumptive to the Crown, His Royal Highness, the Prince Baudouin, etc. (full name and titles)".

During joint session Parliament this morning spectator threw smoke bomb from gallery into Chamber. No one injured.

Prince Baudouin commissioned Lt. General by Royal Decree of August 10.

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